



## Special Education Advisory Committee

### February 3, 2021 SEAC Meeting PTA/PTO Talking Points

**Livestream Recording:** <https://vimeo.com/519022438> (Presentation and Business Meeting)

#### **Presentation**

Transition Planning for College Bound Students

Presenter: Hannah Serota, CEO, M.Ed., CEP, Creative College Connections, Leesburg, VA

**Next SEAC Meeting April 7, 2021, Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.**

**Instructional Practices: Science of Reading and Equity**

**Presented By:** Dr. Emily Solari, UVA Professor and Coordinator of the Reading Education program in the School of Education and Human Development

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Chair Report, Sharon Tropf

- **Nominating Committee Report:** Co Chairs Heidi Bunkua and Shehnaz Khan have reached out to the current membership to consider being on the SEAC Executive Board.
- **Annual SEAC Awards:** This year's theme is Everyday Heroes, SEAC looks forward to getting the updated Award nomination form posted. Look for the posting the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Executive Committee**
  - Next Executive Committee meeting, March 15 at 6:30 p.m., open to the public
  - Membership –15 members, 1 application
  - PTO/PTA Representatives 32 Schools
  - 2020-2021 SEAC Survey being developed will be published in April
  - Presentation Planning, currently planning for 21—22 SY, please send the Executive Committee any feedback on this year's presentations or areas you would like to see presentations.
  - Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee, SEAC has 2 seat on this committee.
- **Subcommittee Reports**
  - **Policy and Compliance**

The subcommittee met twice to review Policy Chair Sheridan was part of the review of Policy 2520, feedback from discussion were provided to Chair Sheridan. Policy 8265 Searches and Seizures was reviewed and information from a wide variety of school districts across the US were reviewed in addition to the VDOE Guidance documents.

- **Specialized Programs**

The subcommittee will be focusing on Transition and Literacy.

- **Transition**: The leads will be reaching out to LCPS transition supervisor to coordinate and attend the next meeting.
- **Literacy**: The leads will reach out to LCPS supervisor to coordinate current attending a subcommittee meeting to discuss outstanding issues and recent concerns with the miscommunication regarding literacy instruction aligned with the science of reading being published by LCPS.
- Executive Functioning and Social Emotional Learning, SEAC Chair will reach out to help facilitate meeting.

**Parent Resource Services.**

- What is Child Find, Intended for Private School and Home-schooled Students, March 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Helping your Child Cope with Anxiety in the COVID-19 Era, Dr. Jonathan Dalton, March 25, at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- When the Bust Stops Coming, April 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Diploma Options & Graduation Requirement for Students with IEPs, Video Presentation
- Social Competence: For Children with Autism or Other Developmental Disabilities, Video Presentation
- Setting Expectations and Following Schedules, Video Presentation
- What is Reinforcement, Video Presentation
- Subscribe to their Newsletter on their webpage – Keep in Touch  
<https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices>

**School Board Liaison, Beth Barts**

- All students who selected Hybrid are back in school this week from preK-12th.
- March 9 -Summer Learning Opportunities will be presented.
- March 23 – Mitigation and Hybrid Learning Implementation, Review and discussion of feasibility of expanded in-person learning.
- May 2021 – Survey Parents Regarding 2021-22 SY, Operating Assumption – 5 day of in-person learning for the majority of students in the 21-22 SY with continued options for distance learning based on need or choice.
- SEAC will have 2 seats representing students with disabilities in the newly created Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee.
- Superintendent Search: The search firm survey yielded over 10K responses. Ms. Barts is requesting specific concerns or question related to special education related to the superintendent search process be provided to her to ask as the SEAC Liaison once the interview process begins.

Department of Pupil Services and the Office of Special Education.

Dr. Nelson, Director of Special Education.

- COVID Recovery Services. The distinction of compensatory services, COVID Recovery Services, and ESY. The considerations to be used and how the services are to be provided. VDOE is providing guidance to local school divisions. Dr. Nelson explained how the services will be determined and the processes to have the student eligible for the different services. IEP Teams should be determining the need for services for students and schedule meetings as necessary. All information is available on the LCPS website. <https://www.lcps.org/SpecialEducation>
- Extended School Year service program dates are June 28 to July 29.

Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services.

- I want to applaud the office of Special Education Leadership for their planning for the summer programs that are going to be offered. Thanks to the School Board for their support for the summer programs. There is no cost for any of the summer programs being offered. IEP teams should be discussing the need for programs for students. The programs will be five weeks long and held five days per week. A distance learning option will be offered, too. All information will be available 3/4/21 on the special education web page. Thank you to the POD workers for getting the vaccines to employees.
- February 2021 Pupil Services Communiqué  
<https://www.lcps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=297406&dataid=401489&FileName=February%202021%20Communiquee.pdf>

#### Old Business

- SEAC Membership voted on proposed changes to the April 5, 2017 Bylaws. All revisions have reviewed by the LCPS School Board Attorney and the Special Education Department.
- Membership approved all recommended changes unanimously.

#### New Business

##### Draft Policy 8265

- Presentation on proposed changes Policy 8265, Student Search and Seizure by Dr. Doug Fulton, Director of School Administration
- SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee had reviewed the policy and had the following concerns:
  - Draft Policy 8265 affords less protections than the *Virginia School Search Resource Guide* published by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), October 2000.
  - The draft policy does not address students with disabilities.
  - The draft policy does not address the mental health impacts of searches and seizures.
- SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee made 4 recommendations to address these specific areas of concern to the SEAC membership.
- Membership approved all recommendations unanimously with 13 of 15 members present.

##### Annual Plan

- Dr. Nelson presented the Annual Plan to the membership.
  - SEAC expressed concerns with limiting the set-aside funds to speech and language services, effectively prohibiting our other special education services to the home-schooled or privately placed students.